THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) All the private operators who were plying under DTC till May, 1993 and have been issued permits under STA from June, 1993 have been directed to honour all monthly and students passes issued by DTC.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) 75 complaints have been received and action is being taken on these complaints by challaning/impounding the vehicles.

(e) and (f) Some complaints have come to the notice of Transport Department of the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(g) The complaints received in this regard are being looked into by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi and suitable action is being taken.

(h) and (i) Route numbers and destination Boards are written for the convenience of commuters. However, action for not honouring the passes is being taken separately by challaning impounding the vehicles.

Construction of Motorable Road from Katra to Vaishnodevi Temple

3051. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have decided to construct the motorable road from Katra to the Vaishnodevi Temple in Jammu and Kashmir State; and

(b) if so, to what extent this has been constructed so far and when it is likely to be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The Government of India are primarily responsible for roads declared as National Highways. All roads other than National Highways in the State are the responsibility of the State Government. The road in question is a State road and is, therefore, the responsibility of the State Government.

Government Pays to Greek Ship for not Sailing

3052. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government have been drawn to the news "Govt. pays $ 420,000 to Greek Ship for not sailing" published in Indian Express of May 10, 1993;

(b) if so, what is Govt's reaction thereon;

(c) whether Government would enquire into the matter and fix responsibility for the loss incurred; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The news item mainly referred to the procedure followed by the Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. in the charter of the vessel, vessel's sea worthiness, and payment of charter hire for the period the vessel could not be operated. The news item does not reflect the correct position. As prima facie, no irregularity has been noticed in the charter of the vessel, it is not proposed to conduct any inquiry into this case.

Speed Governors for Red Line Buses

3053. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) number of persons died and those injured involving Red Line Buses in the capital during last six months;

(b) number of persons arrested and prosecuted during the above period;

(c) whether the Government have directed the concerned authorities to put speed governor on Red Line Buses, check their pollution level and ban the use of pressure horns by them; and

(d) if so, how far these orders have been implemented so far by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) As per information available the number of people killed from Oct. 1992 to June 1993 is 78. The number of people injured from Oct. 1992 to June, 1993 is 261.

(b) 418 persons were arrested and 213 persons were prosecuted during the above period.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Government of National Capital